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FOR: MECHANICAL JOINT)
GROUP ART UNIT: 3679)
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GROUP 3600REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed are the following:

1. SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED 37 CFR 1.114

- (a) ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 13 August 2003.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Other _____.
- (b) ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other
 - v. ☒ Petition For Two-Month Extension of Time.

2. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- (a) ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.170(i) is required)
- (b) ☐ Other _____

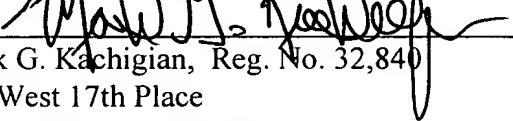
3. **FEES** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when filed.

- (a) ☒ The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 08-1500.
- i ☐ RCE fee as required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii ☒ Other to charge any deficiencies in payment of fees to Deposit Account No. 08-1500.
- (b) ☒ A check in the amount of \$595 to cover the RCE fee and Extension of Time is enclosed.
- (c) ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully Submitted

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